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2       Claims 24 and 25 are amended.

3       Claims 24-30 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

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5       24.   (Currently Amended) In a computer system having resources and a  
6 resource planner for granting reservations of amounts of resources to activities, a  
7 computer-implemented method comprising: ~~The method of claim 22, further~~  
8 comprising the steps of

9       submitting a request for a reservation of a set of resources in specified  
10 amounts from an activity to the resource planner;

11       determining at the resource planner that the request may not be granted;

12       returning from the resource planner to the activity a list of amounts of the  
13 set of resources that are currently available to the activity;

14       using the returned list at the activity to reformulate the request for a  
15 reservation of the set of resources to specify new requested amounts; and

16       resubmitting the reformulated request to the resource planner.

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18       25.   (Currently Amended) In a computer system having resources and a  
19 resource planner for granting reservations of amounts of resources to activities  
20 performed on the computer system, a computer-implemented method comprising  
21 the computer-implemented steps of:

22       negotiating between the resource planner and activities to reserve shares of  
23 the resources with the resource planner on behalf of the activities; and

1 in view of changing resource usage or requirements, renegotiating between  
2 the resource planner and the activities to change reservations of resources on  
3 behalf of the activities to reflect the changing resource usage or requirements.  
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5 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource  
6 usage or requirements are the product of a new activity being performed.  
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8 27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource  
9 usage or requirements are the product of an activity changing its resource  
10 requirements.  
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12 28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource  
13 usage or requirements are the product of an activity no longer being performed.  
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15 29. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource  
16 usage or requirements are the product of a persistent overload of use of a resource.  
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18 30. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource  
19 usage requirements are the product of a change in resource allocation policy.  
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